

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Washington, DC

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE FACULTY SENATE HELD ON  
JANUARY 15, 1993, IN LISNER HALL  
ROOM 603

The meeting was called to order by Vice President French at 2:20 p.m.

Present: Vice President French, Parliamentarian Schechter, Belknap, Carson, Divita, Englander, Fowler, Friedenthal, Frieder, Goulard, Gupta, Harrington, Hill, Johnston, Maddox, Mahmood, Mitchell, Morgan, Park, Robinson, Silber, Smith, Smythe, Vontress, and Wallace

Absent: President Trachtenberg, Registrar Gaglione, Captain-Hidalgo, Cohn, East, Felts, Holmes, Keimowitz, Miller, Salamon, and Schiff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 1992, were approved, as distributed.

RESOLUTIONS

- I. RESOLUTION 92/3, "A RESOLUTION TO INAUGURATE A LECTURE SERIES ON THE TIMES AND LEGACY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCUS CUNLIFF"

On behalf of the Committee on Honors and Academic Convocations, Professor Maddox, Chair, moved the adoption of Resolution 92/3, and the motion was seconded. He said that the Committee approved the plan for an annual lecture series on the subject of George Washington and recommended that this series be named in honor of the late Marcus Cunliffe, University Professor and internationally renowned scholar of George Washington.

The question was called, and Resolution 92/3 was adopted unanimously. (Resolution 92/3 is attached.)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions were introduced.

STATUS REPORT ON THE VIRGINIA CAMPUS BY IRWIN PRICE, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL PROGRAMS

Vice President Price presented a report and slides pertaining to the Virginia Campus. He said that the campus has one spectacular building which is 80% occupied in the daytime and fully occupied in the evenings and weekends since the majority of the graduate students are part-time students. He then briefly reviewed the academic programs offered at this campus which include: (1) SBPM Executive MBA Program; (2) SEHD Human Resource Development Program in executive format; (3) CCGS Management Information Systems Program in executive format; and (4) SEAS Master's Programs and a Doctoral Program, which integrate classes and research. He said that overall the programs have exceeded expectations.

Vice President Price pointed out that the Virginia Campus is self-supporting. He noted that one-half of the space is set aside for research laboratories. The principal laboratories are for SEAS research activity projecting \$1 million in funded research in 1992-93. The other major laboratory activity is in Physics, projecting funded research of \$250,000 in 1992-93. He said that a second building would be built when assured revenue is coming in. Vice President Price said he thought good progress has been made at the Virginia Campus in a relatively short period of time.

Professor Smythe inquired about the expense of operating this campus. Vice President Katz replied that over \$1 million a year would be spent for debt service over the next thirty years. He said the goal for the campus is to cover its operating expenses, but not debt service, and the goal this year is to break even. Professor Park asked if the University would share in any profit once the mixed-use facilities are developed. Vice President Katz responded that the idea behind this campus was that all of the building would be financed by real estate profits and, unless there is a significant improvement in the real estate market, there probably will not be any real estate profits in the foreseeable future.

Further discussion followed by Professors Robinson, Englander, Carson, Park, Mahmood, Vice Presidents Katz, Price, and French.

GENERAL BUSINESS

I. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee by Professor Robinson, Chair, is enclosed.

II. INTERIM REPORTS OF SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

No reports were made by Senate Committee Chairs.

BRIEF STATEMENTS (AND QUESTIONS)

Professor Carson said it was brought to his attention that faculty have been investigating alternatives to GW's Blue Cross/Blue Shield health plan since it has been learned that BC/BS of Virginia offers health insurance packages with greater benefits at a substantially lower cost. Professor Park explained that GW's premiums are based on its own experience as a risk pool. Over the last two years, GW's premiums have gone up because there has been a contraction in the number of its employees subscribing to BC/BS. He noted that everyone was advised of the increase in the cost of the indemnity plan and was given an opportunity to switch to another plan. He said that the Benefits Review Committee is considering a new health plan called "ACCESS" which would distribute GW's risk over the risk pool of the DC area. The ACCESS plan, he said, would permit subscribers to elect their particular risk and payment scheme on a treatment-by-treatment basis. For example, one could go through the HMO plan for routine treatments at low cost but if one wanted to choose an outside physician or specialist for a particular problem, one would then pay a higher rate for that service. Professor Park said he thought the ACCESS plan was very attractive and would be the most flexible, although it was not the University's intention to substitute ACCESS for BC/BS. He said that the University was considering permitting employees to opt out of the health insurance plan they now have if they are covered by another plan, usually through a spouse. Professor Park emphasized that the University, the Benefits Review Committee, and the Appointment, Salary and Promotion Policies Committee were all concerned about those employees who have no health insurance coverage because they cannot afford it.

*over other members of their families*

A discussion followed by Professors Silber, Carson, Park, Gupta, Johnston, and Vice President Katz.

Professor Mahmood inquired about the progress of the survey on retention of students. Associate Vice President Rogers reported that the work on this survey is in progress and that more definitive information should be available by the middle of February.

*Amended  
2/12/93  
by  
Professor Park*

Professor Divita noted that last month the faculty received a questionnaire from Vice President French. He said he understood that this questionnaire was intended to be anonymous but, in fact, the names of the faculty appeared in bold letters on the survey, and he asked Vice President French if he was aware of that. Vice President French said that he was not aware of that and he offered his apologies.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made and seconded, Vice President French adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Matthew Gaglione". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

J. Matthew Gaglione  
Secretary

Resolution from the Senate Committee on Honors and Academic Convocations, James Maddox, Chair. Telephone 4-6630.

A RESOLUTION TO INAUGURATE A LECTURE SERIES ON THE TIMES AND LEGACY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCUS CUNLIFFE (92/3)

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WHEREAS, the University community would welcome the opportunity to honor the memory of the late Marcus Cunliffe, University Professor and internationally renowned scholar of George Washington; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:

That a public annual lecture series on the times and legacy of George Washington be established, the lecture series to be named in honor of Marcus Cunliffe.

Committee on Honors and Academic Convocations  
December, 1992

Adopted January 15, 1993





Faculty Senate Meeting - January 15, 1993

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Professor Robinson reported on the following matters:

(1) REPORT ON NONCONCURRENCES; SCHOOL-WIDE PERSONNEL COMMITTEES; AND THE FACULTY CODE

As previously reported, the Executive Committee has been preparing a special report for distribution to full-time faculty. The report, now in final form, will be distributed shortly. It attempts to provide a reading of policy and process with regard to nonconcurrences, compelling reasons, and the faculty role in promotion and tenure decisions, inasmuch as recent cases of nonconcurrences by the administration with faculty recommendations have revealed distinct variances in faculty and administration views with regard to these issues.

Professor Gupta asked if the matter of nonconcurrences would be an issue for discussion by the Senate. Professor Robinson replied that this issue stems from the Report of the Executive Committee presented to the Board of Trustees, and that the matter of nonconcurrences would be brought to the Senate in the near future for discussion.

(2) REVIEW OF CONTINUING FACULTY (POST-TENURE REVIEW)

The Executive Committee met informally with the Council of Deans on post-tenure review. The Committee hopes and anticipates that this discussion will be continued in greater depth and with broader participation when the matter comes before the Senate at the February 12th meeting. That meeting will provide an opportunity for an examination of and frank exchange on a subject of major significance to the faculty. Information will be distributed prior to the meeting to all full-time faculty.

(3) GRIEVANCE CASE

The Executive Committee was advised by Professor Todd Peterson of the National Law Center that in the matter of the grievance in the School of Engineering and Applied Science "further efforts at mediation would be futile."

(4) COMMITTEE SERVICE

Please note that the forms for service on Administrative Standing Committees and Faculty Senate Standing Committees will be distributed with the agenda for the Senate's February 12th meeting.

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I would urge you to consider volunteering for service and to encourage your colleagues to participate in an activity which is at the heart of faculty governance.

Please be reminded that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is January 29th. Resolutions should reach the Executive Committee prior to that date.



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The Faculty Senate

January 4, 1993

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, January 15, 1993, at 2:10 p.m., in Lisner Hall 603.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 1992.
3. Resolutions

A RESOLUTION TO INAUGURATE A LECTURE SERIES ON THE TIMES AND LEGACY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCUS CUNLIFFE (92/3); Professor James H. Maddox, Chair, Committee on Honors and Academic Convocations (Resolution 92/3 is attached.)
4. Introductions of Resolutions
5. Status Report on the Virginia Campus by Associate Vice President Price
6. General Business:
  - (a) Report of the Executive Committee: Professor Lilien F. Robinson, Chair
  - (b) Interim Reports of Senate Committee Chairs
7. Brief Statements (and Questions)
8. Adjournment



J. Matthew Gaglione  
Registrar



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